(c) whether the Nigam is taking deposits from the Public; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof indicating the rate of interest paid and the period for which the deposits are held by the Nigam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No interest is payable on such advance rental which is retained till the surrender of the connection. It is a safeguard against any default in payments of dues.

(c) No deposits are taken from general public.

(d) Does not arise in view of 'C' above.

Post-Offices established in the district of Gujarat

849. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals are under consideration of Government for opening of new Post Offices at Prabha Road, Bamroli Road, Kanala Road and other at Bhuravay Road in Godhara State during the current financial year;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to provide these facilities to the people of Godhara city;

(c) whether these proposals are being examined by the Chief Post Master General of Gujarat Circle and discussed in the last informal meeting of Gujarat circle;

(d) what are the details of post Offices which have been set up so far by Government in Panchmahal districts; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise. However, there are already Seven (7) Post Offices functioning in Godhara city.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The details of Post Offices set up in Panchmahal districts are given in the Statement.

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The details of Post Offices set up in Panchmahal district

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Strike by the Employees of MTNL

850. SHRI PASUMPON THAKIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 126 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27-4-93 and state:

(a) what are the dates on which the employees of M.T.N.L. remained on strike during April, 1993 and whether the strike period was treated on no work no pay basis;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware that a large number of telephones in Delhi remained non-functional before, during and after the strike for which no rebate in rent has been allowed by the Nigam to the subscribers; and

(d) if so, what action is proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Telephone connections sanctioned for Gorakhpur Telephone Exchange

851. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1600 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th May, 1993 and state:

(a) what steps have been taken by the Government to ensure that the STD/ISD facility provided at Captainganj telephone exchange, District Deoria, Uttar Pradesh, starts functioning properly with immediate effect;

(b) what is the number of long distance telephone connections from Gorakhpur Telephone Exchange which were sanctioned for installation at Captainganj after 1st September, 1990;

(c) what is the number of them that have so far been installed there; and

(d) what is the total number of sanctioned connections yet to be installed and by what time they will be installed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Electronic exchange has been provided at Captainganj which is better equipped for STD working.

(b) Only one: sanctioned subject to technical feasibility.

(c) Nil.

(d) One as mentioned in part (b) above. The connection is technically non-feasible at present.

बिलों का भुगतान न किया जाना

852. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि मैसर्स माइक्रोफोन इन्डस्ट्रीज, रायबरेली नामक एक लघु औद्योगिक एकक 15 जुलाई 1993 तक इंडियन टेलीफोन इंडस्ट्रीज लिमिटेड, रायबरेली को कच्चे माल की आपूर्ति करता रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि माइक्रोफोन इन्डस्ट्रीज, रायबरेली के बिलों का अभी तक भुगतान नहीं किया गया है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो कब से तथा बकाया बिलों की राशि कितनी है;

(घ) क्या सरकार ने उक्त एकक के बकाया बिलों के भुगतान के लिये कोई समय-सीमा निर्धारित की है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो उक्त इन्डस्ट्री को बकाया राशि का भुगतान कब तक कर दिया जायेगा ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) जी नहीं। मेसर्स माइक्रोफोन इन्डस्ट्री रायबरेली नाम की कोई लघु औद्योगिक एकक, आई.टी. आई. रायबरेली को कच्चे माल की सप्लाई नहीं करती।

(ख) से (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Improvement of field services

853. CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what improvements have been brought about by Government in the matter of field services and extending facilities to the subscribers;